

## **REMARKS**

At the outset, the Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowance mailed May 4, 2004.

The Notice of Allowance has been carefully considered. In response, the present Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 for the following purposes. First, the specification is amended to conform to the formal drawings filed concurrently herewith. Second, in claim 1 as amended by the Examiner's Amendment, further changes have been made to clarify the language regarding the sacrificial server. Third, because the Examiner's Amendment to claim 1 changed step (b) to step (c), the remaining method claims have been reviewed for conformity with claim 1 as amended by the Examiner's Amendment and have been amended where needed to ensure that the correct reference to step (c) is made.

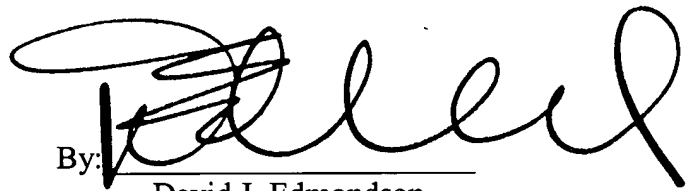
The present Amendment was not intended to change the scope of any of the claims and should not be construed as doing so. Instead, the present Amendment is directed solely to matters of formality and clarity. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the present Amendment is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 and MPEP §714.16.

The Applicants' representative spoke to the Examiner on April 29, 2004 to discuss claims 1 and 16 filed with the Amendment dated February 25, 2004, and entered by the Examiner. The Examiner noted that allowed claim 1 and corresponding apparatus claim 16 should be amended to include the sacrificial server as disclosed in claim 5. The Applicants' representative subsequently authorized that change to be made by Examiner's Amendment.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (109933-00103). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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